GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3544
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2000
EXTORTION OF MONEY
MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of extortion by rickshaw/tonga pullers/auto-rickshaw/taxi drivers/coolies and touts from the passengers at Delhi/New Delhi Railway Station have been brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the action taken against these extortionists during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken to curb such activities during the said period ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): There have been cases of overcharging in which action as per law was taken by police. During the current year upto 30th November, 2000, Delhi Police prosecuted 75 taxis and 4589 auto-rickshaws for this offence.

(c): The steps taken by Delhi Police to curb such activities include prompt legal action against the offenders; deployment of staff at the Railway Stations and ISBT; regulation of proper functioning of pre-paid booths; and wide publicity through literature and advertisements in leading newspapers to increase awareness amongst unsuspecting citizens.